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SUBJECT: 44 HAITIANS AT GTMO

1. 44 HAITIANS WERE RESCUED AT SEA BY A U.S. NAVAL VESSEL
THE MORNING OF JULY 10 AND TAKEN TO GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL
BASE. IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR THE RETURN OF THESE INDIVIDUALS TO
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HAITI OR OTHER APPROPRIATE DISPOSITION. THE EMBASSY IS
INSTRUCTED, AS AN ESSENTIAL FIRST STEP, TO OBTAIN AS-
SURANCES (SIMILAR TO THOSE OBTAINED IN THE RETURN OF THE 97
HAITIANS FROM GTMO LAST SEPTEMBER) FROM THE GOH THAT NONE
WOULD BE PERSECUTED OR THAT NO REPRISALS WOULD BE TAKEN
AGAINST ANY OF THESE HAITIANS UPON THEIR RETURN.

2. EMBASSY IS FURTHER INSTRUCTED TO DETAIL A CREOLE-SPEAKING OFFICER TO GTMO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO CONDUCT BRIEF INTERVIEWS WITH EACH OF THE 44 HAITIANS TO DETERMINE THEIR INDIVIDUAL REASONS FOR LEAVING HAITI. HE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO ASSURE THEM OF THE WILLINGNESS OF THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT TO RECEIVE THEM WITHOUT ADVERSE ACTION. IN THE CASE OF THOSE HAITIANS WHO INTERPOSE NO OBJECTION TO RETURNING TO HAITI, THE INTERVIEWING OFFICER SHOULD PREPARE A SHORT INTERVIEW REPORT ON EACH INDIVIDUAL CASE WHICH

NOTES THE FACT THAT THE INDIVIDUAL RESPONDED AFFIRMATIVELY TO THE QUESTION: "ARE YOU WILLING TO RETURN VOLUNTARILY TO HAITI?" WE SUGGEST THAT A SET OF THESE REPORTS BE PREPARED IN CREOLE IN ADVANCE IF THAT IS POSSIBLE. THOSE ACQUIESCING TO VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION WHO HAVE NOT EXPRESSED ANY FEAR OF POSSIBLE PERSECUTION SHOULD IMMEDIATELY BE RETURNED TO HAITI. NAVY HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR EMBASSY OFFICER AND HAITIANS AS REQUIRED. EMBASSY OFFICER WOULD ACCOMPANY THOSE HAITIANS WHO VOLUNTARILY AGREE TO RETURN TO HAITI AND WOULD RETURN TO GTMO IF ANY HAITIANS REMAIN THERE (SEE PARA 3 BELOW).

3. IF THERE REMAIN AFTER THIS INITIAL ROUND OF INTERVIEWS INDIVIDUALS WHO OBJECT TO RETURNING TO HAITI FOR FEAR OF POLITICAL REPRISALS OR FOR OTHER REASONS, DEPARTMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND AMEMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED OF THE NAMES OF THE INDIVIDUALS AND A SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR THEIR REFUSAL. A JOINT STATE,INS, UNHCR TEAM WILL THEN BE DISPATCHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO RE-INTERVIEW THESE PERSONS IN DETAIL TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY HAVE WELL-FOUNDED FEARS OF PERSECUTION. IF WELL-FOUNDED FEAR OF PERSECUTION IS ESTABLISHED, SUCH PERSON(S) WOULD THEN BE REMOVED FROM GUANTANAMO TO MIAMI UPON AUTHORIZATION OF INS/CO FOR FURTHER ASYLUM PROCESSING. THE REMAINING CASES WILL BE RETURNED TO HAITI.

4. DIRECT LIASON AUTHORIZED BETWEEN AMEMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE AND GTMO CONCERNING AIRCRAFT REQUIREMENTS. VANCE

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